



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Date: December 11, 2012
To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means/Budget Committee
Subject: Cedar Riverside NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Cedar Riverside NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$704,577.00;
2. Consistent with the staff direction set out in footnote "p" (as amended) of the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution adopted by the Council on December 13, 2010, to amend the 2012 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$419,067.37 from existing fund balance.
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by:
 David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director _____
 Paul Aasen, City Coordinator _____

Presenters in Committee: Howard Blin

Financial Impact

Action requires an increase to the 2012 General Appropriation Resolution
Department Name: Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED)
Fund Name: 01CNR 8900-800 (the NRP Fund)
Amount: \$419,067.37

Supporting Information

At its meeting on November 20, 2012, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Cedar Riverside NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized \$704,577.00 in NRP Program Funds to implement this plan.

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates 74.3% (\$523,226) of its Phase II allocation of \$704,577.00 to housing related activities.

In early 2012, the Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program (CRNRP) began a partnership with the University of Minnesota's CHANCE program and the West Bank Community Coalition (WBCC) to undertake an extensive community engagement effort. The goal of the project was to determine community priorities for the use the neighborhood's NRP Phase II allocation and to inform the work of the WBCC as the designated community participation group for the neighborhood. Over the course of six months, the partnership hosted 14 focus groups and administered 300+ surveys in multiple languages. Overall, 500+ residents and community stakeholders participated. The CHANCE students compiled a report of their findings and presented to each organization's Board of Directors.

For the CRNRP, the report was used to inform the strategies and allocations for the Cedar-Riverside NRP Phase II Action Plan. In July 2012, a draft plan was released for public comment. Five additional focus groups and two large community meetings were held with over 100 residents participating. Feedback from this final step was incorporated into the Plan.

Strategies

Housing

Safety and Neighborhood Image

Community Building and Culture

Public Infrastructure and Community Spaces

Economic Development, Education and Training

Implementation

The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office has reviewed this plan and has determined that it was prepared in accordance with the NRP Law by the recognized NRP neighborhood, Cedar Riverside NRP, and that each plan strategy is consistent with the NRP statute.